

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 7 and 12 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for synthesis of nucleic acids to amplify an intended nucleic acid from a sample which comprises:

homogenizing a living body-derived sample to produce a homogenized sample consisting essentially of said living body-derived sample and a surfactant; and then

directly adding the homogenized sample to a PCR reaction solution to amplify the nucleic acid.

2. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 1, wherein the sample is homogenized using a surfactant.

B² 3. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 2, wherein the surfactant is an ionic surfactant.

4. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 3, wherein the ionic surfactant is an anionic surfactant.

5. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 4, wherein the anionic surfactant is at least one selected from the group consisting of salts of N-lauroylsarcosine and dodecyl sulfates (e.g. SDS).

6. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 5, wherein a concentration of the salt of N-lauroylsarcosine and/or dodecyl sulfate is 0.5 wt % or more in a sample liquid.

7. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A method for synthesis of nucleic acids to amplify an intended nucleic acid from a sample which comprises~~according to claim 1:~~

homogenizing a living body-derived sample to produce a homogenized sample consisting essentially of said living body-derived sample and a surfactant; and then

directly adding the homogenized sample to a PCR reaction solution to amplify the

nucleic acid:

wherein the homogenized sample is subjected to nucleic acid synthesis in a reaction solution containing a non-ionic surfactant.

8. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 7, wherein one or more sorts of nonionic surfactants are used as the nonionic surfactant.

9. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 8, wherein Tween 20 and/or Nonidet P40 is used as the nonionic surfactant.

10. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 9, wherein a concentration of Nonidet P40 and/or Tween 20 is 0.5 wt % or more in the reaction solution.

11. (Original) The method for synthesis of nucleic acids according to claim 1, wherein the sample is a gene inclusion body in the living body-derived sample, or the living body-derived sample itself.

12. (currently amended) A method of sample storage, which comprises:
homogenizing a living body-derived sample to produce a homogenized sample consisting essentially of said living body-derived sample and a surfactant; and
then storing the homogenized sample in homogenized state until amplification of a nucleic acid.

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